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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action of July 27, 2004, in which the Examiner has repeated the required election to one of the following species:

A. The group consisting of phytoene synthase, phytoene desaturase, z-carotene desaturase, and beta-cyclase;

B. The group consisting of diaminobutyric acid amino transferase, diaminobutyric acid acetyltransferase, and ecotoine synthase;

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C. The group consisting of beta-kethiolase, D-reductase, and poly(hydroxylalkanoate) synthase; or,

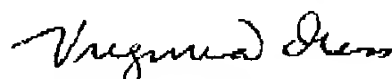
D. The group consisting of ketosynthase-acyltransferase, a chain length factor, an acyl carrier, and a cyclase.

Applicant confirms election of the claims of Group I, as indicated in the reply filed 6/18/04, and further elects the species of B, the group consisting of diaminobutyric acid amino transferase, diaminobutyric acid acetyltransferase, and ecotoine synthase.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-elected inventions in continuing applications.

It is not believed that an extension of time or fees are required. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of the paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-1852.

Respectfully submitted,



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